

REMARKS

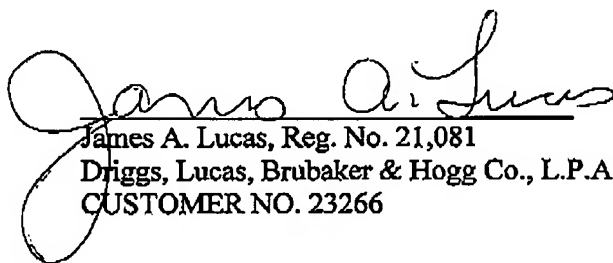
Applicant respectfully extends his appreciation for the indication by the examiner of allowable subject matter. Accordingly, applicant has canceled claim 17 and redrafted it as new claim 25 in accordance with the suggestions of the examiner. Applicant respectfully submits that this claim 25, as well as the amended dependent claims 18-24, overcomes the rejections based on 35 USC §112. The claim breadth is justified by the specification in general, and by the last paragraph of the specification commencing at line 15 of page 12 of the specification.

Claims 1-16 have been canceled without prejudice to the applicant's right to capture the subject matter in a subsequent application.

Applicant submits herewith a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c). Accordingly, there should be no additional issues that would stand in the way of an allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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